

## **U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Faculty Development Grant: Building a Stronger Junior Faculty Team in the Nuclear Engineering Program at The Ohio State University**

Development Grants, a faculty development program has been developed for the Ohio State University Nuclear Engineering Program with the consideration of the current and future needs of new faculty. A plan for current and future faculty hiring and strategies of recruiting, preparing, and retaining outstanding faculty have been identified. It is proposed that two tenure-track junior faculty members be supported by the Faculty Development Grants. One of the two members, who joined the OSU Nuclear Engineering (NE) Program as a tenure-track assistant professor in September 2004 and the other is a junior faculty member yet to be named. Currently, the OSU NE Program is making an offer to a junior tenure-track faculty candidate. If the candidate were to accept the offer, the candidate will be our second recipient in this proposal. If the proposal is awarded, the support from this Grants program will help the OSU NE Program build a stronger junior faculty team, and in turn will lead to a stronger NE program overall.